

Amendments to the Specification

Page 1, before line 1, insert:

Cross Reference to Related Application

This application is a 35 USC § 371 National Phase Entry Application from PCT/EP2003/014344, filed December 16, 2003, and designating the United States.

The additions have been indicated by underlining (underlining). The deletions have been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~). The section headings that were previously emphasized with underlining have been modified to bold font (**bold**).

Please replace the paragraph which spans page 70 line 33 through page 71 lines 1-3 with the following amended paragraph:

~~For the amplification of human NR1D1:~~ **For the amplification of human NR1D1:**

Human NR1D1 forward primer (~~SEQ ID NO: 25~~): 5'-3';

human NR1D1 reverse primer (~~SEQ ID NO: 26~~): 5'-3';

human NR1D1 Taqman probe (~~SEQ ID NO: 27~~): (5/6-FAM)-(5/6-TAMRA).

Please replace the paragraph on page 71 lines 5-10 with the following amended paragraph:

~~For the amplification of human NR1D2:~~ **For the amplification of human NR1D2:**

human NR1D2 forward primer (~~SEQ ID NO: 28~~) (SEQ ID NO: 25): 5'- GGT CAC TTG CAA AAT GAC ACA TTA G -3'; human NR1D2 reverse primer (~~SEQ ID NO: 29~~) (SEQ ID NO: 26): 5'- GGT CGC AGC TGT TCC TGG -3'; human NR1D2 Taqman probe (~~SEQ ID NO:~~

30) (SEQ ID NO:27): (5/6-FAM)- AGA ACA TCA TGA ACA GAC AGC CTT GC CA –(5/6-TAMRA).